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SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS OF U.S. CONTACTS WITH NORTH KOREA

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1. KOREAN PAPERS ARE AGAIN CARRYING STORIES THAT US AND  
NORTH KOREAN GOVERNMENTS HAVE HAD DIRECT CONTACT.

ARTICLES

ARE BASED ON STORIES NOW RUNNING IN JAPANESE PRESS,  
PARTICULARLY AN ASAHI ARTICLE REPEATED IN THE AUGUST 13  
AFTERNOON AND AUGUST 14 MORNING SEOUL PAPERS WHICH CLAIMS  
THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAD ACKNOWLEDGED TO MIKI DIRECT US  
CONTACT WITH NORTH KOREA.

2. A MORE REASONABLE YOMIURI ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE  
AUGUST 14 AFTERNOON PRESS. IN IT PRESIDENT FORD IS CHARACTERIZED  
AS MAKING CLEAR THAT KIM IL-SONG'S PEACE TREATY PROPOSAL  
TRANSMITTED VIA UTSUNOMIYA IS THE SAME AS WAS PROPOSED IN A  
LETTER TO THE U.S. CONGRESS LAST MARCH AND IS NOTHING NEW.

FORD ALSO IS SAID TO HAVE DISCOURAGED MIKI FROM ATTEMPTING TO

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MEDIATE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND NORTH KOREA BECAUSE AT THE  
MOMENT THE U.S. IS IN NO HURRY TO IMPROVE RELATIONS OR  
CONCLUDE A PEACE TREATY WITH NORTH KOREA. ASAHI ARTICLE IS APPARENTLY  
TRUNCATED AND SENSATIONALIZED VERSION OF THIS ACCOUNT.

3. AS RESULT OF NEW SPATE OF PRESS ARTICLES, EMBASSY HAS  
RECEIVED NUMEROUS INQUIRIES ABOUT U.S. CONTACTS WITH  
NORTH KOREA, INCLUDING ONE FROM NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMAN WHO  
SAID THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE CONCERN IN HIGH PLACES IN THE  
GOVERNMENT ABOUT ALLEGED U.S. CONTACTS. WE HAVE REASSURED ALL  
CALLERS THAT RUMORS OF DIRECT CONTACTS ARE UNFOUNDED.  
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